GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

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GRANT OF PENSION TO EX-MILITARY PERSONNEL
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received a memorandum from Military Service Pensionless Association requesting to grant minimum pension and other benefits to military personnel who left the service due to unfavourable climate conditions, disease or tragic family conditions;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the decision taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI BIJOY KRISHNA HANDIQUE)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Military Service Pensionless Association has represented that those military personnel who had to leave service due to unavoidable personal reasons without completing the minimum qualifying service for pension, should get some minimum pension and other benefits as is given in the case of Kerala State employees and the personal staff of Ministers who serve only for a few days or for a particular period.

(c) The issues raised in the memorandum have been examined in this Ministry. As per existing instructions, a minimum qualifying service (without weightage) of 20 years in case of Officers and 15 years in case of Personnel Below Officer Rank is required to earn service pension. At present no change in the provision of minimum qualifying service is contemplated. However, as per extant instructions, disability pension is admissible if the disability is attributable to / aggravated by Military service, in case the individual is invalided out on the recommendation of the Medical Board even before completion of qualifying service.